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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7249**  
Hifumi YASUMATSU et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2004\_0901A  
Serial No. 10/552,488 : Group Art Unit 1794  
Filed October 6, 2005 : Examiner Marc A. Patterson  
RUBBER HOSE AND METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURE THEREOF :

**RESPONSE**

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE  
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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

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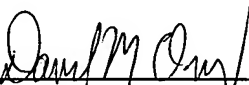
Sir:

Pursuant to the requirement contained in the Office Action mailed October 17, 2008,  
Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-13 and 17-31, drawn to a rubber hose.

In view of this election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is  
respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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